

EXHIBIT A

Amended Claims

The underlying patent (No. 6,370,715) was issued with 15 claims. Two of those claims (dependent Claims 2 and 9) are amended herein. The amendments change these two dependent claims into independent claims. Each of Claims 2 and 9 were directed to an embodiment of the invention having an integrated support unit, but depended from an independent claim which referred to the support unit as having detachable panels. Claims 2 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form to claim the integrated support unit. Antecedent basis for these amendments is found in the specification at column 1, lines 64-65 and at column 4, lines 15-16, among other places. No new matter has been introduced.

New Claims

New claims 16-32 are added by this amendment. No new matter has been introduced with these claims, and the antecedent basis for each claim is identified below:

Claims 16 and 18 are independent claims directed to an embodiment of the invention having a single integrated support unit, fabric cover and pad. Antecedent basis for the integrated support unit is found in the specification at column 1, lines 64-65, column 4, lines 15-16, and Fig. 2; the fabric cover at column 4, lines 20-22; and the pad at column 4 lines 27-29.

Dependent claim 17 refers to a square version of the base plate, illustrated in Fig. 2.

Dependent claim 19 refers to an extended cover and pad, described at column 4, lines 22-23 and lines 30-31, and in Figs. 1 and 4.

Dependent claim 20 refers to a square version of the base plate, illustrated in Fig. 2.

Dependent claim 21 refers to a handle on the cover, described at column 4, lines 33-35 and in Figs. 9, 10 and 13.

Dependent claim 22 refers to a fabric hinge on the cover, described at column 4, lines 25-27 and in Fig. 8.

Dependent claim 23 refers to a pair of handles on the cover described at column 4, lines 33-35, and the fabric hinge described at column 4, lines 25-27 and in Fig. 8.

Dependent claim 24 refers to a means for securing the bed against itself at column 2, lines 57-58, column 4, lines 35-37, and in Fig. 8.

Dependent claim 25 refers to a plurality of pockets on the outside cover described at column 2, lines 62-64, column 4, lines 51-55, and in Fig. 9.

Dependent claim 26 refers to a plurality of pockets on the inside cover described at column 3, lines 11-13, column 4, lines 56-60, and in Fig. 10.

Dependent claim 27 refers to slots in the end wall described at column 2, line 66 – column 3, line 1.

Dependent claim 28 refers to openings in the base panel for receiving suction cups described at column 4, lines 42-47.

Claim 29 is an independent claim directed to a four-wall embodiment of the invention in a single integrated support unit with a gap in a partial side wall, fabric cover and pad. Antecedent basis for this version of the invention is found in the specification at column 4, line 66 – column 5, line 5, and in Fig. 14.

Dependent claim 30 refers to securing straps described at column 5, lines 9-11 and in Fig. 14.

Claim 31 is an independent claim directed to an embodiment of the invention having a single integrated support unit, and pad. Antecedent basis for the support unit is found in the specification at column 4, lines 15-16 and lines 27-29.

Dependent claim 32 refers to a cover for the unit described at column 4, lines 20-22.